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For: ABRASIVE PARTICLES FOR SURFACE POLISHING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to considering the enclosed RCE, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

1. (Twice Amended) A polishing composition comprising a dispersion of particles, the particles comprising a non-silicon metal compound and having an average particle diameter from about 5 nm to about 50 nm and a distribution of diameters such that at least about 95 percent of the particles have a diameter greater than about 60 percent of the average diameter and less than about 140 percent of the average diameter.